coming their problems. A Centrally sponsored renovation and modernis tion schemes is being implemented in 33 thermal stations in the country to improve their performance. Ass tance is also bein gprovided to the State Electricity Boards in matter such as training of power sector personnel, procuring of spare parts from foreign and indigenous sources, and in the. supply of requisite quality and quantity of coal. These measures have helped in increasing the all India PLF of thermal stations from 44. 2 per cent during 1980-81 to 53. 2 per cent in 1986-87.

prices of medicines

74. DP. H. R SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been considering to decontrol the prices of some more medicines; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that prices of medicines went up to 600 per cent during the last few years;

(e) whether it Is also a fact that Government propose to remove overall profitability control on Drug Industry; and

(d) whether Government have decided to increase mark up on essential medicines; if so, how the interest of the poor consumer of medicines by way of making available medicines at reasonable prices and in adequate quantities is to be served?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a), (c) and (d) Details are contained in the booklet entitled "Measures f^{or} rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of drugs and pharmaceutical Industry in India", copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) There is no control or moni-toring on prices of drugs and for-muliations not falling within Categories I, II and III of the existing DPCO. Hence, its not possible to supply this information.

Drugs under delicensing scheme

75. DR. EL P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have laid down, certain criteria on which drugs are to be identified for Delicensing Scheme;

(b) what are the details thereof;

(c) by when the existing list will be revised according to announced criteria; and

(d) when the earlier list was announced last and what is the total capacity allowed for each drug under delicensing scheme, the names of drugs for which capacities have been created; and investments made alongwith (production of each drug upto 31st March, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The criteria for de-iicensing are as follows: —

(i) Bulk drugs -whose imports are allowed on OGL.

(ii) Bulk drugs whose production is limited to three producers or less in the organised sector.

(iii) Bulk drugs whose formulations are of essential and mass consumption nature.

(iv) Formulations and drug intermediates related to bulk drugs which are de-licensed.

(c) No firm date has been drawn-up.

(d) The last de-licensed list was notified on 12th June, 1985. Details of registration approved under the De-licensing Scheme such as capacity and names of drugs are published regularly by the IIC in their monthly news letter, copies. of which are available fa th© Parliament Libray. Total investment propose under the de-licensing scheme upto'31. 3. 8? is Rs. 385. 53 crores. Details of production of 87 monitored bulk drugs are published in the Performance Budget of this Ministry, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. The production of de-licensed bulk drugs is not monitored separately. IIC: (India Investment Centre)

Manufacturing of drugs

76. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

, (a) whether it is a fact that a number of drug$_s$ are being produced , in the country for several years, from penultimate and intermediate states, when the same drugs are being produced in other countries from the basic stages; and

(b) if so, what are the names of these drugs and since when these are being produced from these stages, introducing also the percentage of foreign exchange involved, per unit of production and total amount of foreign exchange that has so far flown out of the country thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) A number of drugs are being produced in the country from penultimate intermediate stages. However, data in regard to their stage of manufacture in other countries is not available in this ministry.

(b) Names of such drugs, which are primarily produced from intermediate/penultimate stages, to the extent available, are indicated in the enclosed Statement, (Se$_e$ below). The other details are not monitored by" this Ministry. Moreover, the time and labour involved in collection and compilation of such information is not commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Statement

Names of the drugs being produced from intermediate/penultimate stage

SI. No. Name of the drug

1. Amodiaquin
2. Chloroquin
3. Clofazimine
4. Dexamethasone DEC. Citrate
6. Diphenhydramine Hcl.
7. Intestopan Subs.
8. Pheniramine Maleate
9. Piperazine and Salts
10. Terbutaline
11. Vitamin D3
12. Ethambutol

Unauthorised production of Drugs

77. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to regularise unauthorised production of formulations and bulk drugs;